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SUBJECT: ANDREOTTI GOVERNMENT NAMES UNDERSECRETARIES

SUMMARY: ANDREOTTI'S LIST OF UNDERSECRETARIES, RELEASED JULY 31, REINFORCES THE IMPRESSION OF RENEWAL THAT CHARACTERIZED COMPOSITION OF HIS NEW CABINET. FULLY 29 OF THE 47 ARE FIRST-TIMERS, AND MOST ARE YOUNGER THAN NOMINEES OF PREVIOUS CABINETS. AND ANDREOTTI INNOVATION (REGULAR WEDNESDAY SESSIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TO MONITOR LEGISLATIVE WORK SCHEDULE) WAS WELL-RECEIVED  
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AS AN INDICATION OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE NEW GOVERN-

MENTS'S APPROACH. END SUMMARY.

1. ANDREOTTI RELEASED HIS LIST OF UNDERSECRETARIES ON  
JULY 31 (SHORT BIOS BEING POUCHED):  
OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER - EVANGELISTI; ARNAUD (PRESS  
PROBLEMS); BRESSANI (REFORM  
OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

FUND FOR THE SOUTH - SENESE

FOREIGN AFFAIRS - RADI; FOSCHI

INTERNAL AFFAIRS - ZAMBERLETTI; DARIDA; LETTIERI  
JUSTICE DELL'ANDRO; SPERANZA

BUDGET AND REGIONS - SCOTTI

FINANCE - AZZARO; TAMBRONI; SANTALCO

TREASURY - ABIS; MAZZARINO; CORA

DEFENSE - PASTORINO; PETRUCCI; CAROLI

EDUCATION - FRANCA FALCUCCI; BUZZI; DEL RIO

PUBLIC WORKS PADULA; LAFORGIA

AGRICULTURE - LOBIANCO; MAZZOTTA

TRANSPORTATION - FONTANA; DEGAN

POSTS - TIRIOLO; DALMASO

INDUSTRY - MANFREDI BOSCO; CRISTOFORI;  
ARMATO; SMURRA

FOREIGN TRADE - GALLI

MERCHANT MARINE - ROSA

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GOVERNMENT HOLDINGS - BOVA; CASTELLI

HEALTH - ZURLO; FERDINANDO RUSSO

TOURISM - SANGALLI

CULTURAL ASSETS - SPITELLA; POSTAL (SCIENTIFIC  
RESEARCH)

2. JUST AS ANDREOTTI'S CABINET IS DISTINGUISHED BY THE NUMBER OF NEW FACES IT CONTAINS, THE OUTSTANDING FEATURE OF THE UNDERSECRETARIES' LIST RELEASED JULY 31 IS THE LARGE NUMBER OF FIRST-TIME APPOINTEES. FULLY 29 OF THE 47 ARE COMPLETELY NEW; 16 ARE HOLDOVERS FROM THE PREVIOUS CABINET (ALTHOUGH 8 OF THESE HAVE SWITCHED MINISTRIES) AND 2 HAD SERVED IN EARLIER CABINETS. LISTS ALSO NOTED FOR EMPHASIS ON YOUNGER MEN.

3. THE NUMBER OF UNDERSECRETARIES (LARGER THAN EXPECTED FOR A DC MINORITY GOVERNMENT) SURPRISED MOST OBSERVERS AND WAS CRITICIZED BY SOME (IL GIORNALE, L'UNITA). MOST NOTED HOWEVER THAT WHILE ANDREOTTI'S LIST HAS 8 MORE UNDERSECRETARIES THAN MORO'S "MONOCOLORE," IT IS STILL WELL UNDER THAT LAST LEGISLATURE'S HIGH OF 58.

4. THE RELATIVELY LARGE NUMBER OF UNDERSECRETARIES AGAIN REFLECTS THE NEED TO MAINTAIN THE FACTIONAL BALANCE WITHIN THE DC. RATHER EVENLY DIVIDED BETWEEN CENTER AND CENTER-LEFT GROUPS, THE DOROTEO HAVE 15; FORZE-NUOVE, MOROTEL, AND FANFANI 6 EACH; BASE AND ANDREOTTIANI 4 EACH; RUMOR AND COLOMBO FOLLOWERS 2 EACH. FINALLY, THE LIST INCLUDES ON TAVIANEO AND ONE INDEPENDENT.

5. ANDREOTTI ALSO INTRODUCED TWO NEW FEATURES WHICH HAVE BEEN WELL-RECEIVED. AND UNDERSECRETARIAL POSITION WAS ESTABLISHED IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE TO FOCUS ON PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE PRESS (A BURNING ISSUE HERE). IN ADDITION, ANDREOTTI ANNOUNCED THAT THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WOULD HENCEFORTH MEET REGULARLY EACH WEDNESDAY TO MONITOR THE POLITICAL SITUATION AND PROGRESS OF LEGISLATIVE WORK.

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6. COMMENT: WHILE THE SIZE OF ANDREOTTI'S UNDER-SECRETARIAL LIST IS BEING CRITICIZED IN SOME QUARTERS AS EXCESSIVE, THE DC HAS DEFENDED ITS ACTION BY POINTING OUT THAT THE INCREASED NEED FOR EFFECTIVE LEGISLATIVE LIAISON BETWEEN THE CABINET AND PARLIAMENT REQUIRES A LARGER NUMBER OF MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATIVES. THE NUMBER AND COMPOSITION OF ANDREOTTI'S CABINET AND UNDERSECRETARIAL LIST ALSO VERY LIKELY REFLECT THE CONSIDERABLE STRAIN AND NEED FOR ACCOMMODATION THAT MUST EXIST WITH THE VARIOUS DC FACTIONS AS ANDREOTTI SEEKS TO WORK OUT THE NEW PARLIAMENTARY RELATIONSHIPS THAT WILL BE REQUIRED OF HIS GOVERNMENT. NOT SURPRISINGLY, ANDREOTTI HAS BROUGHT INTO THE SUB-CABINET A NUMBER OF HIS SUPPORTERS INCLUDING ONE OF HIS CLOSEST POLITICAL ALLIES.

EVANGELISTI AND UNDERSECRETARY IN THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE. ON BALANCE, IT IS ENCOURAGING THAT ANDREOTTI WAS ABLE TO PUT TOGETHER A LIST OF FRESH AND RELATIVELY YOUNGER PARLIAMENTARIANS WHICH REINFORCES THE IMPRESSION OF RENEWAL THAT CHARACTERIZED THE COMPOSITION OF HIS NEW CABINET. WHILE SOME PAPERS ARE CRITICAL OF INCLUSION OF TWO "TAINTED" FORMER MAYORS OF ROME (DARIDA AND PETRUCCI) AS WELL AS THE ALLEGED LACK OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE OF SOME OTHER, MOST COMMENTATORS ARE GENERALLY FAVORABLE. NINE OF THE UNDERSECRETARIES WERE ON MILLE'S REFORMIST ELECTORAL LIST AND SOME OTHER HAVE BEEN AMONG YOUNG DC ACTIVISTS PUSHING FOR A REVITALIZATION OF THE PARTY. SEVERAL OF THE NEW UNDERSECRETARIES (SUCH AS RADI IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND ZAMBERLETTI IN INTERIOR, PASTORINO IN DEFENSE, ETC.) ARE WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO US FOR THEIR COMPETENCE AND INTEGRITY. VOLPE

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